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PORTUGUESE ARMY

SUMMARY: SINCE NOVEMBER 1972, THE PORTUGUESE ARMY HAS CONTINUED TO MANIFEST A STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAINING A QUOTA FOR THE U.S. ARMY AIR DEFENSE ADVANCED OFFICER COURSE. ALTHOUGH STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THIS MISSION AND HQ USEUCOM, EACH REQUEST FROM THE PORTUGUESE ARMY WAS UNFAVORABLY CONSIDERED AT DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND DEFENSE LEVELS. THIS, BECAUSE OF CURRENT PROHIBITIONS ON TRAINING FOREIGN NATIONALS ON CERTAIN U.S. WEAPON SYSTEMS THAT ARE NOT IN THE INVENTORY OF THE TRAINEE'S GOVERNMENT, OR FOR WHICH THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NOT MADE VALID OFFERS OR ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN. END SUMMARY

1. THE PORTUGUESE ARMY'S HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN AIR DEFENSE TRAINING IS READILY EVIDENCED FROM THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY:

A. NOVEMBER 1972-TRAINING DIVISION OF PORTUGUESE ARMY GENERAL STAFF REQUESTED FROM THIS MAAG ONE SPACE FOR FY 74 AIR DEFENSE ADVANCED OFFICER COURSE. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS DATE, REQUESTS WERE MADE BY THIS MISSION IN AN EFFORT

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TO OBTAIN AN EXCEPTION TO THE NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY.

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B. OCTOBER 1973-DURING MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON'S (DIRECTOR J7 SECURITY ASSISTANCE, HQ USEUCOM) VISIT TO PORTUGAL, THE VICE-CHIEF OF STAFF, PORTUGUESE ARMY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AIR DEFENSE TRAINING THROUGH THE MAP.

C. NOVEMBER 1973- LETTER RECEIVED BY MAAG FROM PORTUGUESE ARMY VICE-CHIEF OF STAFF TO CHIEF MAAG FORMALLY REQUESTING INSTRUCTION IN TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF BOTH SURFACE-TO-SURFACE AND SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES AT DIVISION AND CORPS LEVELS. BASED ON THIS REQUEST, ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR THIS TRAINING WERE SENT TO HQ USEUCOM AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. HQ USEUCOM SUPPORTED THE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

D. DECEMBER 1973-HQ USEUCOM REQUESTED REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ON THEIR NOVEMBER MESSAGE. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, THE PORTUGUESE ARMY GENERAL STAFF FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT THE AIR DEFENSE OFFICERS ADVANCED COURSE HE INCLUDED IN THE FY 75 AND 76 MAP TRAINING PROGRAMS.

E. MARCH 1974- PORTUGUESE ARMY VICE-CHIEF OF STAFF REQUESTED AIR DEFENSE TRAINING IN THE FY 75 MAP TRAINING PROGRAM.

F. AUGUST 1974- PERSONAL MESSAGE SENT FROM RADM R.B. ERLY, CHIEF MAAG, TO MAJOR GENERAL R.D. CLELAND, DIRECTOR STRATEGY AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE (DAMO-SSA), DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, WITH INFO CY TO MG C.W. RYDER, DIRECOTR LOGISTICS AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE (J4/J7) HQ USEUCOM, RECOMMENDING THAT PORTUGUESE ARMY OFFICERS BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND U.S. ARMY AIR DEFENSE INSTRUCTION. THIS MESSAGE WAS ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THE INDICATION THAT DOD WOULD NO HONOR A REQUEST WHICH IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICIES.

ALTERNATE COURSES WERE RECEOMMENDED HOWEVER BECAUSE PORTUGUESE STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND APPROXIMATELY 10 PER CENT OF THE CLASSIFIED PORTIONS OF THESE COURSES. THEAL-

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TERNATIVES WERE NOT CONSIDERED DEISRABLE. IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN ABOVE MESSAGE, THE MAAG DRAFTED A LETTER TO THE PORTUGUESE ARMY, PROPOSING THESE ALTERNATIVES AND ADDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING A MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT). THIS DRAFT LETTER WAS SENT TO HQ USEUCOM WITH A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO THE PORTUGUESE ARMY.

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G. SEPTEMBER 1974-THE LETTER WAS APPROVED BY
HQ USEUCOM. IT HAS NOT BEEN DELIVERED TO THE PORTUGUESE
ARMY BECAUSE IT IS BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE RECEIVED AS
A NEGATIVE SIGNAL.

2. THIS MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARMY WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO UPGRADE AND STRENGTHEN ITS NATO CONTRIBUTION
UNLESS IT RECEIVES CURRENT INSTRUCTION ON THE TECHNIQUES
AND EMPLOYMENT OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS. FURTHER, BECAUSE
THIS IS SUCH A DECISIVE PERIOD IN PORTUGAL, IT WOULD BE
BOTH ECONOMICALLY DISCREET AND EVIDENTLY PRACTICAL THAT THIS
TRAINING BE OFFERED TO THEM BY THE UNITED STATES. A TURN-
DOWN AT THIS TIME COULD IMPACT SIGNIFICANTLY ON GOVERNMENT-
TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ANDPOSSIBLY CAUSE THE PORTUGUESE
ARMY TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR ASSISTANCE IN THEIR FUTURE ACQUISI-
TION OF MATERIEL. ADDITIONALLY, THE PORTUGUESE ARMY HAS
RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED AN AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EX-
PANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF A MORE EFFECTIVE MAP TRAINING
PROGRAM. A CONTINUED DISAPPROVAL OF SUBJECT TRAINING MAY
CREATE A DECELERATION OR COMPLETE CESSATION OF THEIR NOW
MORE POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON THIS MATTER. IT MUST BE CLEARLY
NOTED THAT THE PORTUGUESE DISPOSITION IS SUCH THAT ALLOW-
ING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLY 90 PER CENT OF A COURSE WOULD
MOST LIKELY CREATE MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

3. THIS MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR
A QUOTA FOR THE U.S. ARMY AIR DEFENSE ADVANCED OFFICER COURSE
BE HONORED IN ORDER THAT A STRONGER ORIENTATION TO THE U.S.
IS DEVELOPED, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONSTRUCTING A POSSIBLE
MARKET-PLACE FOR U.S.-MANUFACTURED MATERIEL.
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